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GUAT 339 (IN 15103) 1940Z 15 OCT 54

TO: DIR CITE: SGUAT

GUAT 335 (IN 14801), PARA 4. RE:

- IN VIEW CALLIGERIS FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES AS INDICATED BY REF PLUS SEVERE DAMAGES CAUSED BY RECENT STORMS NECESSITATING LARGE CASH OUTLAY TO OPERATE GOVERNMENT, BANNISTER AND NOTBOHM CONSIDER HIGHLY DESIRABLE THAT SKIMMER ADVANCE FURTHER 50,000 DOLLARS ON PRICEITY BASIS WITH SIGNED UNDERSTANDING THIS TO BE USED ALLEVIATE SUFFERING STRICKEN AREAS.
- 2. AUTHORIZATION THIS COVERT ADVANCE WOULD HAVE BENEFICIAL RESULT TAKE SOME PRESSURE OFF CALLIGERIS AND WOULD DEMONSTRATE SKIMMER CONTINUED GOODWILL AND CONFIDENCE HIS GOVT.

END OF MESSAGE

CABLE SECRETARIAT COMMENT: AT THE DIRECTION OF THE CABLE SECRETARIAT DUTY OFFICER THIS CABLE HAS BEEN GIVEN DISTRIBUTION APPLICABLE TO RYBAT CABLES.